



BRIEFING: March 11, 2014 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #6

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Jeff Morales, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: March 11, 2014

RE: Update on the Draft 2014 Business Plan

Background

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is required by Public Utilities Code Section 185033 to prepare, publish, adopt, and submit an updated Business Plan to the Legislature on May 1, 2014. Statute also dictates that, at least 60 days prior to submittal to the Legislature, the Authority must publish a draft Business Plan for public review and comment.

The Draft 2014 Business Plan was released on February 7, 2014, starting the 60-day public comment period. At the February 11, 2014 Board meeting, staff presented the Draft 2014 Business Plan to the Board and public. This agenda item is to update the Board on comments received thus far, remind the public of their opportunities to comment, and detail next steps in the process.

Discussion

Thus far, staff has received 109 total comments on the Draft 2014 Business Plan. Of those comments: 71 have been submitted via the Authority's website; 36 have been submitted via email; and, 2 have been submitted via voicemail.

Staff will continue to solicit and document comments on the Draft 2014 Business Plan from stakeholders, other governmental agencies, and the public. This will include taking comments at today's Board meeting as well as April's. The public will continue to be able to submit comments by mail, email, and through the Authority's website. These comments will inform the final 2014 Business Plan, which is scheduled to be considered by the Board at its April meeting. The Board will receive all comments on the final plan as well as staff-provided summaries in advance of the April meeting. The Business Plan would then be submitted to the Legislature by May 1, 2014.

Recommendations

This item is informational only; staff does not recommend any Board action at this time.

Attachments

– Draft 2014 Business Plan